

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v. CRIMINAL NO. 01-22 ERIE

BILLIE SHOWERS

ARRAIGNMENT

Proceedings held before the HONORABLE
SUSAN PARADISE BAXTER, U.S. Magistrate Judge,
in Courtroom B, U.S. Courthouse, Erie,
Pennsylvania, on Tuesday, July 24, 2001.

APPEARANCES:

CHRISTIAN A. TRABOLD, Assistant United States
Attorney, appearing on behalf of the Government.

MICHAEL R. CAULEY, Esquire, appearing on behalf

Ronald J. Bench, RMR - Official Court Reporter

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 (Whereupon, the proceedings began at 1:33 p.m., on
4 Tuesday, July 24, 2001, in Courtroom B.)

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6 DEPUTY CLERK: The case before the court is United
7 States of America versus Billie Showers. It's docketed at
8 Criminal No. 01-22 Erie. Representing the government is
9 Christian Trabold. Representing the defendant is Michael
10 Cauley.

11 THE COURT: Mr. Showers, I see we finally have you
12 with your attorney here. And this is the arraignment, which is
13 simply the hearing that you plead to the charges against you;

14 do you understand that?

15 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am.

16 THE COURT: Before I can take the plea, I have to
17 make sure you understand the charges. Mr. Cauley, would you
18 like for us to review the charges at this time?

19 MR. CAULEY: No, ma'am, we have gone over the
20 Indictment.

21 THE COURT: All right, Mr. Showers, I'm going to
22 have you put under oath and ask you if you understand the
23 charges before I take your plea.

24 (Whereupon, the Defendant, BILLIE SHOWERS, is
25 sworn.)

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1 THE COURT: Are you the Billie Showers named in the
2 Indictment?

3 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am.

4 THE COURT: Have you received a copy of the
5 Indictment?

6 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am.

7 THE COURT: And have you read it?

8 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I have.

9 THE COURT: Have you discussed the charges against
10 you with your attorney?

11 THE DEFENDANT: Briefly.

12 THE COURT: Do you understand them?

13 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

14 THE COURT: Mr. Cauley, how does your client plead?

15 MR. CAULEY: Not guilty at this time, your Honor.

16 THE COURT: Please sign your not guilty plea, Mr.
17 Showers. Mr. Cauley, you have 10 days from today's date within
18 which to file pretrial motions.

19 MR. CAULEY: I understand. For the record, I have
20 discussed with Mr. Trabold the need to have some additional
21 time, which he graciously indicated he would agree to.

22 MR. TRABOLD: I have no objection.

23 MR. CAULEY: Your Honor, I will file the appropriate
24 motion.

25 THE COURT: All right. This case has been assigned

1 to Judge McLaughlin. Is there anything else, Mr. Trabold?

2 MR. TRABOLD: Your Honor, we have complied with Rule

3 16.

4 THE COURT: I have a copy of the receipt for the
5 local Criminal Rule 16 materials, the discovery materials. And
6 it looks like to me it's substantially completed, is that
7 correct?

8 MR. TRABOLD: Correct.

9 THE COURT: Mr. Cauley, do you see anything that is
10 glaringly absent?

11 MR. CAULEY: Judge, I have not had an opportunity to
12 review this in any kind of detail, so I assume that everything
13 they said is there and we'll go from there.

14 THE COURT: All right, fine. Anything else, Mr.
15 Cauley, at this time?

16 MR. CAULEY: My client is on bail, your Honor, I
17 assume that is going to continue?

18 THE COURT: You have had no problems so far, good.
19 That will continue.

20 MR. CAULEY: That's fine. That being the case, we
21 have nothing else, your Honor, thank you very much.

22 THE COURT: All right, we're adjourned.

23 (Whereupon, at 1:38 p.m., the proceedings were

24 concluded.)

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4 I, Ronald J. Bench, certify that the foregoing is a

5 correct transcript from the record of proceedings in the

6 above-entitled matter.

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